



**The American Consulate General Jerusalem – Public Affairs Office
Announces
the 2016 Study of the United States Institutes for
Scholars**

Deadline: January 14, 2016

The Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) programs are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary school educators and scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture, values and institutions. The ultimate goal of SUSI is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad. The program institutes offered are:

The Institute on Contemporary American Literature will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American (U.S.) literature. Its purpose is twofold: to explore contemporary American writers and writing in a variety of genres; and to suggest how the themes explored in those works reflect larger currents within contemporary U.S. society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools, and movements reflect the traditions of the U.S. literary canon. At the same time, the program will expose participants to writers who represent a departure from that tradition, and who are establishing new directions for American literature. The University of Louisville located in Kentucky will host this Institute.

The Institute on Journalism and Media will provide a multinational group of 18 journalism instructors and other related specialists with a deeper understanding of the roles that journalism and the media play in U.S. society. The Institute will examine the rights and responsibilities of the media in a democratic society, including editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, international journalism, and media business models. The Institute will examine pedagogical strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the trade: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight the impact of technology on journalism, such as the influence of the Internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other changes that are transforming the profession.

The Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious

pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach and drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law, and others, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States. Participants will examine the following aspects of religious pluralism in the United States: the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by, the development of American-style democracy; the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy; and the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs and its impact on American politics and society. The University of California, Santa Barbara will host this Institute.

The Institute on U.S. Culture and Society will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly-motivated foreign university faculty and other specialists with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The Institute will examine the ethnic, racial, social, economic, political, and religious contexts in which various cultures have manifested in U.S. society while focusing on the ways in which these cultures have influenced social movements and American identity throughout U.S. history. The program will draw from a diverse disciplinary base, and will itself provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of U.S. culture and society.

The Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of how contemporary U.S. foreign policy is formulated and implemented. The Institute will include a historical review of significant events, individuals, and philosophies that have shaped U.S. foreign policy. The Institute will explain the role of key players in U.S. foreign policy including the executive and legislative branches of government, the media, the U.S. public, think-tanks, non-governmental organizations, and multilateral institutions.

The Institute on U.S. Political Thought will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of major currents in U.S. political thought from the colonial period to the present. Drawing upon the American Political Development approach, the Institute will provide a full and diverse understanding of U.S. political thought its connection to U.S. politics and institutions by linking contemporary issues with historical debates. The Institute will explore particular themes including self-rule and limited government, liberty and freedom, individualism and identity, equality and inequality, and the American dream. The Institute concludes with an integrated two-week study tour to Boston, New York City, Gettysburg, Charlottesville, and Washington, D.C. The Institute will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute located in Amherst, MA.

Participant Eligibility:

- Candidates should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated, experienced scholars and professionals generally from institutions of higher education or research focused organizations (not-for-profits, think tanks, etc.). While the educational level of participants will likely vary, most should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field.
- Ideal candidates are individuals whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in the subject of the Institute, to enhance and update existing courses on the United States, or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. studies areas related to the program theme. While the nominee's scholarly and professional credentials are an important consideration, the potential impact and multiplier effect of the Institute is equally important. Ideal candidates will have little or no prior experience in the United States.
- Applicants must have excellent proficiency in English and outstanding qualifications, as these programs are extremely competitive.
- Candidates must be willing to participate fully in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour.
- Individuals holding permanent residence status in the United States (including U.S. citizens and green card holders) are not eligible to participate in this program.
- Applicants should be residing in Jerusalem, Gaza, or the West Bank the country at the time of submitting the applications and interview process.
- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the United States.

The SUSI program will cover the following costs: international and domestic travel, health insurance, accommodations, and a basic stipend in the United States. SUSI Fellows will travel to the United States without dependent family members.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit a copy of your passport, CV, and nomination form attached by no later than **January 14, 2016**. The announcement and form are found on this link:

<http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/academicprofessionals.html>

Also for general information about the SUSI programs, please visit this site:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/susi>.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email completed application packages to jerusalemexchanges@state.gov; call 02-622-7172 or (0545) 420 953 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email completed application packages to GazaExchanges@gmail.com; call 08-286-4623 for more information.

Nomination Form:

*Forms must be fully completed and sent to the emails below with the resume as well as a copy of the passport biographical information page no later than **January 14, 2016.***

Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov (*Jerusalem, West Bank*) / GazaExchanges@gmail.com (*Gaza*)

SUSI program you are applying for:

A. Nominee's Full Name: Last Name(s), First Name, Middle Name.

B. Gender

C. Date of Birth (please spell out Month, Day, Year)

D. Birth City

E. Birth Country

F. Country(ies) of Citizenship:

G. Country of Residence

H. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations:

I. Candidate Contact Information: Home Address, City, E-mail, and Telephone.

J. Current Position/Title, Institutional Name, and Country

K. Work Experience, including previous positions and titles, place

L. Education; Academic & Professional Training, degree earned and fields of specialization, place.

M. Active Professional Memberships

N. Publications: publication year, type of publication, title, and publisher. All foreign titles should be translated into English. (Please list no more than 10.)

O. Previous Experience in the United States: trips made to the United States; dates & reason.

P. Family Residing in the United States:

Q. Evidence of English Fluency (e.g. personal interview, test score, etc.)

R. Personal Statement of Interest (no more than one page):